

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
BEFORE THE
DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY**

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Fitchburg Gas and Electric Company) D.T.E. 02-25
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**Associated Industries Of Massachusetts Petition
For Limited Participation Status**

Associated Industries of Massachusetts (A.I.M.) hereby submits its petition to the Department of Telecommunication and Energy (“Department”) for limited participation status in the above-captioned proceeding, pursuant to 220 CMR 1.03(1)(e). A.I.M. states the following in support of its petition:

1. Established in 1915, Associated Industries of Massachusetts (A.I.M.) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan association of Massachusetts employers. A.I.M.'s mission is to promote the well-being of its members and their employees and the prosperity of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts by improving the economic climate of Massachusetts, proactively advocating fair and equitable public policy, and providing relevant, reliable information and excellent services. A.I.M. has long participated in energy and environmental issues before administrative agencies.
2. On May 17, 2002, Fitchburg Gas and Electric Company filed requests for the Department to approve general rate increases for their electric division, D.T.E. 02-25.
3. A.I.M. has a substantial and specific interest in intervening in these proceedings because the Fitchburg Gas and Electric Company filing addresses issues relating to requested rate increases with a potential change in cost allocation by rate class. Accordingly, any decision by the Department in this proceeding will substantially and significantly affect members of A.I.M. in the Fitchburg Gas and Electric Company’s territory.

4. In conducting adjudicatory hearings, the Department may “allow any person showing that he may substantially and specifically affected by the proceeding, and allow any other interested person to participate by presentation of argument orally or in writing, or for any limited purpose” as the Department may order. *See* G.L. c. 30A section 10, cl. (4); *see, also*, 220 CMR 1.036(1)(b).
5. A.I.M. has participated as a limited participant in prior D.T.E. proceedings. If granted such status, A.I.M. will make every effort not to burden administratively this proceeding.
6. A.I.M. requests that all notices, testimony, pleadings and correspondence pertaining to these proceedings be directed to the person identified below:

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Wherefore, A.I.M. respectfully requests that the Department allow its Petition for Limited Participant status be granted.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

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